



# Little Einstein's Nurseries Dundee

## Welcome to our Autumn Newsletter

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We would like to take this opportunity to tell our parents about the exciting things that have been happening in our nursery over the last few months and to share with you any upcoming events that will be happening.

### Discoverers (0-2 years)

Over the past few months we have focused on the children's interests which were touch and feel, music time and book bug.

For our touch and feel interest the children enjoyed taking part in lots of messy play such as using different colours of paint poured over bubble wrap to enable the children to enjoy a stamping activity. For sensory play we made sensory bottles using various resources such as water, paint, glitter and pom poms. The children really enjoyed our music activities, we used kitchen utensils to make music and made musical shakers out of recycled items. As we moved onto book bug the children enjoyed listening to our book

bug CDs and making a wall display of their favourite songs. We are now looking at 'on the farm' as our interest. For this interest we are going to go to our local library. We are also going to make a wall display of on the farm where the children will paint their favourite animals.



### Investigators (2-3 years)

Over the past few months we have been focusing on the children's interests which were nursery rhymes, colours and animals.

For our animals interests we sponge painted animals and we also decorated the different animals with different types of materials such as pompoms, glitter etc. The children then had

another interest on nursery rhymes. For this we decorated hard boiled eggs to make our own humpty dumpty's and had them sitting on our wall of recycled items that we painted. We also enjoyed singing our favorite songs and decorating different objects related to this song. We then started to look at colours. For this interest the children enjoyed mixing different colours of paint together to learn what colours they would make. We also did colour sorting activities with the children. The children enjoyed these activities as this helped them learn to match colours together as well as recognising the colours.



### Inventors (3-5 years)

Over the past few months we have been focusing on some of the children's different interests which have been, healthy eating, emergency services, babies and minibeasts.

When looking at healthy eating we enjoyed focusing on different fruits and vegetables and how they are healthy for us. We took part in a tasting table with different fruits to see which ones we liked. Also, we looked at brushing our teeth and why this is important. When looking at emergency services we focused on loose parts and building fire engines and police cars. We also looked at the reasons we use emergency services and what emergencies are. Currently we are enjoying looking at babies and teaching the children how babies grow and develop and things that they need. Also, we are looking at minibeasts at the moment we have enjoyed looking at different minibeasts in the garden and having fun observing them. The children liked giving them names such as Sammy the Snail and Incy Wincy the spider.



### Facebook

We are in the middle of setting up our very own nursery 'like' page on Facebook. Once this is up and running you will all be informed. When this is up and running if we can ask if you can "like" our page and invite all of your friends. (more details to follow)



### Bookbug Training

All staff attended Bookbug training last month. Scottish Book Trust offers this training to support professionals to make sure that stories, songs and rhymes are part of every baby and young child's life. The staff were informed about the importance of singing with the children for the development of their language and are enjoying putting their new knowledge into practice. You can find out more about Bookbug on their website



### Change of clothes

Can all parents please ensure that their child has a spare set of clothes either in their tray or on their peg, we do not have any spare clothing in the nursery therefore if your child does become dirty or they have an accident then you will need to be called to bring clothes with you when collecting your child.



### Nursery Fee's

Can I remind all parents that nursery fees are to be paid in advance and not in arrears. Also to make sure all fees are paid by the last day in the month. If your child's fees go two weeks overdue, then your child will be refused until payment is made. All invoices go out at the start of each month. If you have not received yours can you please speak to nursery manager right away.



### Dates to remember

**Monday 10<sup>th</sup> September** – Autumn menu's (starting on week 2)

**Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> October** – Halloween party

\*(feel free to dress your child up)

\*We will also be having the best pumpkin competition (feel free to bring in your pumpkin from home)



Anything else please feel free to speak to the nursery manager.